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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Steven Teig, et al.

Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: Herewith

For: **Method and Apparatus for Using
Connection Graphs with Potential
Diagonal Edges to Model Interconnect
Topologies During Placement**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendments is concurrently filed with the above-entitled application, which is a continuation application of a presently pending application entitled "Method and Apparatus for Considering Diagonal Wiring in Placement," filed on December 6, 2000. **Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-42 and 65-87 be canceled (pursuant to the amendment below) before calculation of the filing fee.**

IN THE TITLE

Please replace the current title, "Method and Apparatus for Considering Diagonal Wiring in Placement," with "Method and Apparatus for Using Connection Graphs with Potential Diagonal Edges to Model Interconnect Topologies During Placement."

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a continuation application of United States Patent Application entitled "Method and Apparatus for Considering Diagonal Wiring in Placement," filed on December 6, 2000, and having the Serial No. _____.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-42 and 65-87.

REMARKS

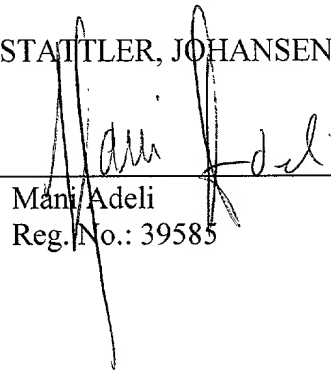
This Preliminary Amendments is concurrently filed with the above-entitled application, which is a continuation application of a presently pending application entitled "Method and Apparatus for Considering Diagonal Wiring in Placement," filed on December 6, 2000. In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have changed the title of

this application, inserted a reference to the related parent application, and canceled claims 1-42 and 65-87. Accordingly, claims 43-64 are currently pending in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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